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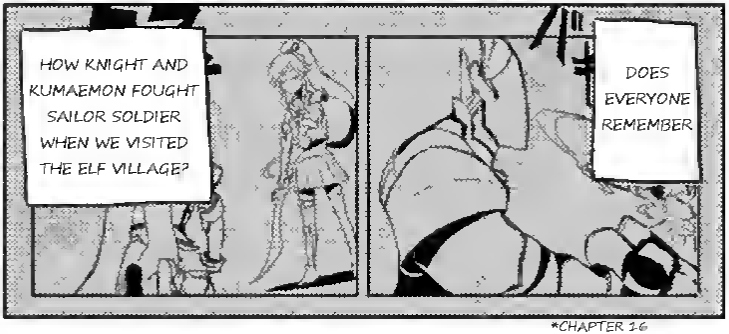

*CHAPTER 16

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LINT VILLAGE
I FIGURED
THE MORNING STAR ASIDE YOU REALLY DID A NUMBER ON THIS SWORD
BUT I CAN'T MAKE IT LIKE IT WAS BEFORE WITH WHAT I HAVE HERE. WHY WERE YOU EVEN USING THIS?
I THINK I CAN FIX IT
HM
YOU CAN REALLY TALK TO SOMEONE THROUGH IT!
WOAH! THIS THING IS REALLY INTERESTING!
I USE BODY STRENGTHENING MAGIC AND SINCE MY APTITUDE FOR IT IS RATHER GOOD NORMAL STEEL SWORDS JUST BREAK

WE'RE USING THE COMPUTER HERE BECAUSE KNIGHT WAS CONCERNED THAT HUMANS MIGHT BE AFRAID OF HER.
I SEE...
BUT IN THAT CASE IF I MAKE A NEW ONE IT'LL BE THE SAME AS THIS ONE
BUT THEN IT WOULDN'T BE AS STRONG...
I WOULD PREFER IF IT WERE SMALLER.
SO YOU WEREN'T WIELDING THIS SWORD BECAUSE YOU LIKED IT?
HM? HOLD ON.
BUT YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.
I SUPPOSE MAGIC METALS WOULD PRODUCE A GOOD SWORD.
HOW COME?
WHY NOT USE ORICHALCUM?
I SEE... IN THAT CASE WHY NOT JUST CHANGE THE MATERIAL USED?

ISN'T IT THE BEST MATERIAL YOU COULD USE TO MAKE EQUIPMENT THOUGH?
IT'S LIGHT, DURABLE, AND CAN EVEN REPAIR ITSELF BUT IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO HANDLE
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT'S A NORMAL METAL
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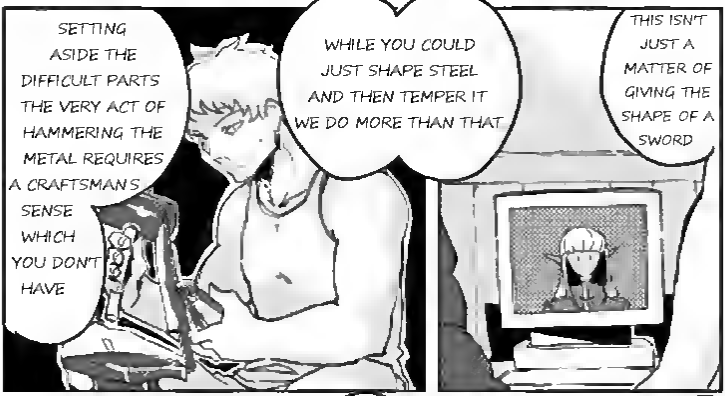
I'VE GOT SOME RIGHT HERE
BUT JUST GETTING YOUR HANDS ON IT IS HARD ENOUGH
THAT'S TRUE
I JUST DON'T HAVE THE SKILL FOR IT TO BEGIN WITH
NO I'M SORRY BUT I CAN'T
HM...

COULD I JUST MAKE IT INTO THE SHAPE OF A SWORD WITH MAGIC?
YOU CAN DO THAT? I HONESTLY CAN'T SAY, WHILE I DON'T HAVE THE SKILL TO WORK WITH IT,


THIS ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF GIVING THE SHAPE OF A SWORD
WHILE YOU COULD JUST SHAPE STEEL AND THEN TEMPER IT WE DO MORE THAN THAT.
SETTING ASIDE THE DIFFICULT PARTS THE VERY ACT OF HAMMERING THE METAL REQUIRES A CRAFTSMAN'S SENSE WHICH YOU DON'T HAVE

THAT'S TRUE. I DON'T REALLY WANNA DO A HALF ASSED JOB.
WELL I DO KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD DO IT.
REALLY?

A DWARF COULD DO IT.
...I SUPPOSE
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I...IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG?
A DWARF?!
BUT DWARVES ARE KNOWN TO BE ECCENTRIC AND WON'T MAKE WEAPONS FOR PEOPLE THEY DON'T LIKE...
DWARVEN-MADE WEAPONS ARE SOMETHING OF A STATUS SYMBOL FOR WARRIORS
BEEP

HE WAS MY MASTER BUT THAT WAS YEARS AGO AND HE'S PRETTY HARD TO PLEASE
RIGHT... IF I CAN
I SUPPOSE IT'LL BE ENOUGH IF YOU CAN INTRODUCE US TO ONE
GIVEN THE SITUATION, PERHAPS I SHOULD WRITE HIM A LETTER...
WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT WHEN IT HAPPENS
IT'S POSSIBLE IT WON'T WORK OUT
...I'LL PASS ON THAT.
HE'LL PROBABLY JUST YELL AT ME ALL THE TIME
SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TALK TO HIM ANY TIME
WHEN WE MEET HIM, WE'LL PROBABLY GIVE HIM A COMPUTER AS WELL.

HANG IN THERE. WE'RE STILL A WAYS OFF.
STAND FIRM NOW, WILL YOU?
...WHAT'S WITH THIS MOUNTAIN? IS THIS A FORM OF HARASSMENT?
WE'RE CURRENTLY CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN
I CAN'T BACK DOWN WHEN THAT DAMN FROG SAYS THINGS LIKE THAT
YOUR BODY IS THAT WEAK BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS TRY TO FIND THE EASY WAY OUT.
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S MAGIC THAT COULD ALLOW US TO SEARCH AND TRAVEL OVER A LONG DISTANCE...

BUT UNLIKE THE TYPICAL MODERN PERSON WHO DOESN'T GET ENOUGH EXERCISE
I'VE BEEN TRAVELING AROUND EVER SINCE I ARRIVED IN THIS WORLD
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THUS I'M WALKING ALONG THIS MOUNTAIN TRAIL
AND I STILL HAVE IT IN ME TO KEEP GOING
AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THEM
WE'RE ABOUT A QUARTER OF THE WAY THERE
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
I'M SORRY. I MADE A MISTAKE
IT'LL GET HARDER FROM HERE ON SO BE CAREFUL
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THERE ARE SOME WYVERN NESTS NEARBY
PLEASE BE CAREFUL AS WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN
IT'LL PROBABLY BE FINE
HAHA
MOST CREATURES DON'T SEEM TO BE FOND OF ME
WHAT SORT OF LOGIC IS THAT?
AH.
PERHAPS THAT'S TRUE
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BY THE WAY, ARE WYVERNS RELATED TO DRAGONS?
THEY DO RESEMBLE THEM AFTER ALL
NO WHILE THEY'RE SIMILAR
THEY'RE A SPECIES OF BEAST
IF YOU HAD SAID THAT TO A DRAGON THEY'D KILL YOU
NO WAY...
BUT WITH ALL THE ROUGH SPOTS THESE MOUNTAINS HAVE...
IT'S LIKE I'M AT A THEME PARK.
I SAID I'M FINE
I CAN JUST USE MAGIC TO RECOVER...
AH
I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
YOUR INADEQUATE STAMINA IS A BIGGER ISSUE
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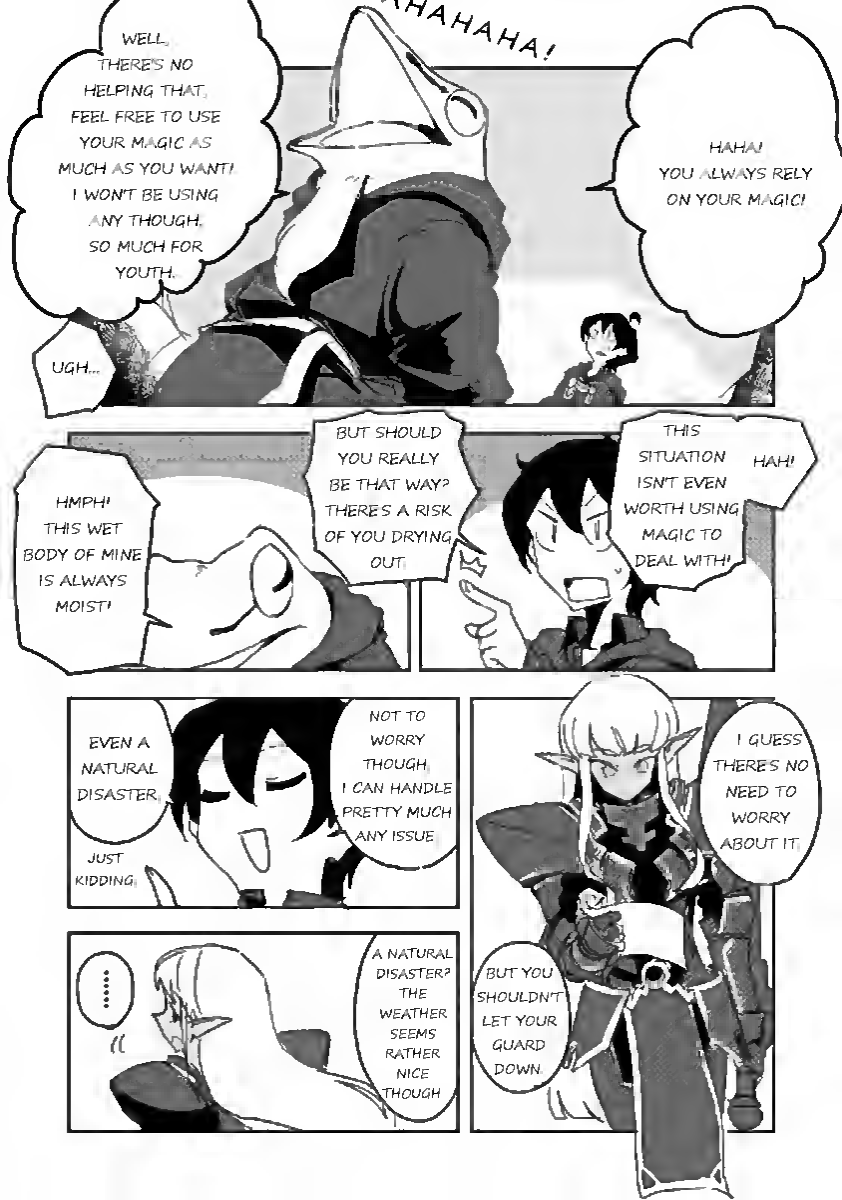
AHAHAHA!
WELL, THERE'S NO HELPING THAT. FEEL FREE TO USE YOUR MAGIC AS MUCH AS YOU WANT! I WON'T BE USING ANY THOUGH. SO MUCH FOR YOUTH.
HAHA! YOU ALWAYS RELY ON YOUR MAGIC!
UGH...
HMPH! THIS WET BODY OF MINE IS ALWAYS MOIST!
BUT SHOULD YOU REALLY BE THAT WAY? THERE'S A RISK OF YOU DRYING OUT.
THIS SITUATION ISN'T EVEN WORTH USING MAGIC TO DEAL WITH!
HAH!
EVEN A NATURAL DISASTER, JUST KIDDING.
NOT TO WORRY THOUGH, I CAN HANDLE PRETTY MUCH ANY ISSUE.
I GUESS THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
A NATURAL DISASTER? THE WEATHER SEEMS RATHER NICE THOUGH.
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DO THEY HAVE TO BE THAT SCARED?
AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FEROCIOUS BEASTS
....IT'S QUITE SOMETHING TO WATCH THEM FLEE RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.
HMM. IS IT A HU-MAN?
WHAT'S THAT?
AAAAGH! HELP MEEE!

I'LL GO
IT SEEMS HE'S BEING CHASED...
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Y-YEAH
PHEW. ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

I'M PRETTY SURE EVEN SAILOR SOLDIER DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THAT ABSURD...
IS IT NORMAL FOR A KNIGHT TO SEND A WYVERN FLYING WITH JUST A KICK?
ISN'T KNIGHT A LITTLE TOO STRONG?
SAY, KAWAZU, WHILE I'VE THOUGHT SHE WAS AMAZING
TRUE...
EVEN I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE KICK ONE OF THOSE THINGS BEFORE

WHY DON'T WE FINISH OFF THAT WYVERN TO BRING IT BACK AS A SOUVENIR?
OH, WHILE WE'RE HERE
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
ARE YOU SURE?
UH WE'VE STILL GOT A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD SO WHY DON'T WE LET IT GO?
I'VE HEARD THEY TASTE GREAT
WELL I SUPPOSE THAT'S ALSO TRUE

I THOUGHT I WAS DOOMED AFTER THEY SPOTTED ME
YOU GUYS WERE A GREAT HELP.
I DIDN'T THINK WE WOULD FIND A DWARF THIS EASILY.
HAHAHAHA! I GOT A BIT TOO ABSORBED IN SEARCHING FOR MINERALS.
BUT YOU GUYS SURE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE RUN INTO ME.
OTHERWISE YOU'D SPEND SEVERAL MORE DAYS WANDERING THROUGH THESE MOUNTAINS.
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HM? IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING IT?
BY THE WAY WHAT'S THIS BRIGHT STUFF?
WAIT. YOU MEAN THIS TUNNEL WAS DUG OUT BY DWARVES?!
DIGGING TUNNELS?
THIS STUFF'S CONVENIENT FOR LIGHTING UP DARK PLACES LIKE WHEN YOU'RE DIGGING A TUNNEL
IT'S LIGHT MOSS
... SO WHY DID YOU GO OUTSIDE IF YOU HAVE THESE TUNNELS?
THESE HERE TUNNELS CAN TAKE YOU ANYWHERE AROUND HERE
AIN'T NONE BETTER THAN DWARVES AT DEALING WITH STONES.

HOLD ON A BIT I'LL GET IT OPEN NOW.
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WE'RE MAKING SOMETHING INTERESTING IN THE VILLAGE.
HAHA... I WAS JUST WONDERING IF THERE WERE ANY UNUSUAL MATERIALS THERE.
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WELCOME TO OUR VILLAGE
GO AHEAD AND RELAX WHILE YOU'RE HERE